



Region 2 Headquarters
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Dear Interested Citizen:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) proposes to conduct restoration work on approximately 6,000 feet (1.1 miles) of Spotted Dog Creek within FWP's Spotted Dog Wildlife Management Area (WMA), located northeast of Deer Lodge in Powell County. Proposed actions would create, enhance, and protect wetland, riparian, and aquatic habitat within the WMA. Proposed Phase 1 work in 2020 would include slope wetland restoration, instream beaver habitat structure construction, and weed control. Proposed Phase 2 work in 2021 would include channel construction; existing channel enhancement; streambank construction and stabilization; floodplain grading and increasing surface roughness; wetland creation and enhancement; riparian perimeter fencing; and floodplain, wetland, and streambank revegetation. The proposed action would be undertaken by and funded by the Montana Department of Justice, Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP) on behalf of FWP.

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) describing and analyzing this proposed Spotted Dog Creek Restoration Project. The EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP at the address above; by phoning 406-542-5540; by emailing shrose@mt.gov; or by viewing FWP's Internet webpage <http://fwp.mt.gov/default.html> ("News," then "Recent Public Notices").

Comments may be made on FWP's website (webpage above) or may be directed to Sharon Rose at the mail or email addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than June 15, 2020. (The legal notice indicates a comment deadline of June 12, but this has been extended to June 15.)

As part of MFWP's decision-making process under MEPA for this proposed project, I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA very soon after the end of the comment period.

Sincerely,

Randy Arnold
Regional Supervisor

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